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SUBJECT: ROYAL QUESTION; THREE PARTY CONVERSATIONS

The following is a translation of the Government's note given to the press at one PM February 3 in which they officially rejected the Socialist suggestions:

"The Prime Minister has explained to the Council of Ministers the suggestions which were made to him yesterday by Messrs. Spaak, Huysmans and Buset on the subject of the Royal Question.

All the Ministers of the Social Christian Party have stated that these suggestions could not be considered by them as being susceptible of leading to a national solution in the sense intended by the governmental declaration.

Under these circumstances the Government has unanimously agreed that the continuation of the discussions on the basis proposed could not assure a national solution to the Royal Question".

Referring to this note Spaak said in Parliament during the afternoon of February 3 that the Ministers of the P.S.C. had opposed a national solution to the problem and would bear all the responsibility before the country.

The Socialist suggestions are given in Embtel 176 of February 3.

The "governmental declaration" referred to above is the government declaration of August 16, 1949 in which the government said that its members "recognize the urgency of a national solution to this fundamental question" (the Royal Question). Ref.: Embtel 1119, 8/16/49

The French text of the Government's note as published in La Libre Belgique (2/4/50) follows:

"Le Premier ministre a mis le Conseil au courant des suggestions qui lui ont été faites hier par MM. Spaak, Huysmans et Buset au sujet de la question royale.

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Tous les ministres sociaux chrétiens ont déclaré que ces suggestions ne pouvaient pas être considérées par eux comme susceptibles d'amener la réalisation d'une solution nationale dans le sens prévu par la déclaration gouvernementale.

Dans ces conditions, le gouvernement a constaté que la continuation des pourparlers sur les bases proposées ne peut assurer une solution nationale de la question royale".

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